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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation Nos. 701-TA-539 and 731-TA-1280-1282 (Preliminary)]

Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Korea, Mexico, and Turkey; Determinations

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigations, the United States International Trade Commission (“Commission”) determines, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930 (“the Act”), that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Korea, Mexico, and Turkey, provided for in subheadings 7306.61.10 and 7306.61.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, that are alleged to be sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”) and that are allegedly subsidized by the government of Turkey.

COMMENCEMENT OF FINAL PHASE INVESTIGATIONS

Pursuant to section 207.18 of the Commission’s rules, the Commission also gives notice of the commencement of the final phase of its investigations. The Commission will issue a final phase notice of scheduling, which will be published in the *Federal Register* as provided in section 207.21 of the Commission’s rules, upon notice from the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) of affirmative preliminary determinations in the investigations under sections

¹ The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR § 207.2(f)).

703(b) or 733(b) of the Act, or, if the preliminary determinations are negative, upon notice of affirmative final determinations in those investigations under sections 705(a) or 735(a) of the Act. Parties that filed entries of appearance in the preliminary phase of the investigations need not enter a separate appearance for the final phase of the investigations. Industrial users, and, if the merchandise under investigation is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations have the right to appear as parties in Commission antidumping and countervailing duty investigations. The Secretary will prepare a public service list containing the names and addresses of all persons, or their representatives, who are parties to the investigations.

BACKGROUND

On July 21, 2015, Atlas Tube, a division of JMC Steel Group (Chicago, Illinois), Bull Moose Tube Company (Chesterfield, Missouri), EXLTUBE (North Kansas City, Missouri), Hannibal Industries, Inc. (Los Angeles, California), Independence Tube Corporation (Chicago, Illinois), Maruichi American Corporation (Santa Fe Springs, California), Searing Industries (Rancho Cucamonga, California), Southland Tube (Birmingham, Alabama), and Vest, Inc. (Los Angeles, California) filed petitions with the Commission and Commerce, alleging that an industry in the United States is materially injured and threatened with material injury by reason of LTFV and subsidized imports of heavy walled rectangular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Korea, Mexico, and Turkey. Accordingly, effective July 21, 2015, the Commission, pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. sections 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)), instituted countervailing duty investigation No. 701-TA-539 and antidumping duty investigation Nos. 731-TA-1280-1282 (Preliminary).

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigations and of a public conference to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the

Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the *Federal Register* of July 27, 2015 (80 FR 44383). The conference was held in Washington, DC, on August 11, 2015, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission made these determinations pursuant to sections 703(a) and 733(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. sections 1671b(a) and 1673b(a)). It completed and filed its determinations in these investigations on September 4, 2015. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 4563 (September 2015), entitled *Heavy Walled Rectangular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Korea, Mexico, and Turkey: Investigation Nos. 701-TA-539 and 731-TA-1280-1282 (Preliminary)*.

By order of the Commission.

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